

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend claims 1 and 47 as follows (a clean copy of the amended claims are being reproduced below and a marked-up version of the amended claims are submitted in an Appendix attached at the end of this Amendment):*

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1. (Twice Amended) A roll for smoothing a web comprising:

a roll core having an outer surface;

b1 a covering layer disposed on the outer surface of the roll core, the covering layer having an inner surface and an outer surface;

the covering layer comprising at least one thermosetting plastic and at least one thermoplastic,

wherein the at least one thermoplastic has a melting temperature which is below a glass transition temperature of the at least one thermosetting plastic, and

wherein the covering layer is a solid cylindrical mass having a smooth outer surface.

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47. (Amended) A roll for smoothing a web comprising:

b2 a roll core having an outer surface;

a covering layer disposed on the outer surface of the roll core, the covering layer having an inner surface and an outer surface;

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the covering layer comprising an elastic matrix material;

the elastic matrix material comprising a mixture of at least one thermosetting plastic and at least one thermoplastic; and

the covering layer including one of fibers and fillers,

wherein the at least one thermoplastic has a melting temperature which is below a glass transition temperature of the at least one thermosetting plastic, and

wherein the covering layer is a solid cylindrical mass having a smooth outer surface.

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REMARKS

*Summary of the Amendment*

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1 and 47 will have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-22 and 24-51 will be pending with claims 24-46 and 48-51 being withdrawn by the Examiner due to a restriction requirement. Moreover, claims 1, 24 and 47-49 are in independent form.

*Summary of the Official Action*

In the Office action, non-elected claims 24-46 and 48-51 were again withdrawn from examination by the Examiner. Next, the Examiner rejected elected claims 1-23 and 47 over the applied art of record. By the present amendment and remarks, Applicant submits that the